IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-13 (Cancelled)

14. (Previously presented) An intake device for an internal combustion engine comprising:

a throttle body forming an intake passage;

a throttle valve arranged within the intake passage;

a pipe member connected to the throttle body, wherein the pipe member forms a communication passage communicating with the intake passage;

an engagement device provided between the throttle body and the pipe member, wherein the engaging device includes at least one engagement protrusion and at least one engagement recess, so that detachment of the throttle body and the pipe member from each other is resisted when the engagement protrusion and the engagement recess are engaged with each other, wherein the throttle body and the pipe member respectively have a first connection end portion and a second connection end portion, and the first and second connection end portions are fitted with each other in the axial direction; and at least one resilient seal member for radially effecting sealing between the first connection end portion and the second connection end portion, wherein the resilient seal member is a modified ring having a seal portion and a pressurizing portion formed integrally with each other; wherein the seal portion serves to effect sealing in the radial direction and the pressurizing portion serves to urge the throttle body and the pipe member in disconnecting axial directions relative to each other.

Claims 15-20 (Cancelled)

21. (Previously presented) An intake device for an internal combustion engine comprising:

a throttle body forming an intake passage;

a throttle valve arranged within the intake passage;

a pipe member connected to the throttle body, wherein the pipe member forms a communication passage communicating with the intake passage;

an engagement device provided between the throttle body and the pipe member, wherein the engaging device includes at least one engagement protrusion and at least one engagement recess, so that detachment of the throttle body and the pipe member from each other is resisted when the engagement protrusion and the engagement recess are engaged with each other; wherein:

the throttle body and the pipe member respectively have a first connection end portion and a second connection end portion, and the first and second connection end portions are fitted with each other in the axial direction; and

one of the first connection end portion and the second connection end potion has a reception groove capable of receiving the other of the first connection end portion and the second connection end portion.

Claims 22-32 (Cancelled)

33. (New) An intake device for an internal combustion engine comprising:

a throttle body forming an intake passage;

a throttle valve arranged within the intake passage;

a pipe member connected to the throttle body, wherein the pipe member forms a communication passage communicating with the intake passage;

wherein the throttle body and the pipe member respectively have a first connection end portion and a second connection end portion, and the first and second connection end portions are fitted with each other in the axial direction; and

a modified ring having a first portion and a second portion formed integrally with each other; wherein the first portion of the modified ring serves to effect sealing in the radial direction between the first connecting end portion and the second connecting end portion, and the second portion of the modified ring is axially resiliently compressed between the first connecting end portion and the second connecting end portion when the first connecting end portion and the second connecting portions are fitted with each other.

34. (New) An intake device for an internal combustion engine comprising:

a throttle body forming an intake passage;

a throttle valve arranged within the intake passage;

a pipe member connected to the throttle body, wherein the pipe member forms a communication passage communicating with the intake passage;

wherein the throttle body and the pipe member respectively have a first connection end portion and a second connection end portion, and the first and second connection end portions are fitted with each other in the axial direction; and

a first resilient member effecting sealing in the radial direction between the first connecting end portion and the second connecting end portion, and

a second resilient member axially resiliently compressed between the first connecting end portion and the second connecting end portion when the first connecting end portion and the second connecting portions are fitted with each other.

35. (New) The intake device as in claim 34, wherein each of the first resilient member and the second resilient member comprises an O-ring.

36. (New) An intake device for an internal combustion engine comprising:

a throttle body forming an intake passage;

a throttle valve arranged within the intake passage;

a pipe member connected to the throttle body, wherein the pipe member forms a communication passage communicating with the intake passage;

wherein the throttle body and the pipe member respectively have a first connection end portion and a second connection end portion, and the first and second connection end portions are fitted with each other in the axial direction; and

one of the first connection end portion and the second connection end potion has a reception groove capable of receiving the other of the first connection end portion and the second connection end portion.

37. (New) The intake device as in claim 36, wherein the reception groove has a bottom in the axial direction, and wherein the intake device further comprises a resilient member interposed between the bottom of the reception groove and the other of the first connection end portion and the second connection end portion, so that the resilient member is axially compressed when the first and second connection end portions are fitted with each other.

38. (New) The intake device as in claim 37 wherein the reception groove further includes a first wall and a second wall opposing to each other in the radial direction and defining a radial clearance therebeween, and wherein the other of the first connection end and the second connection end has a thickness in the radial direction that is substantially

equal to the radial clearance between the first wall and the second wall of the reception groove.

39. (New) The intake device as in claim 36, further comprising a seal member effecting sealing in the radial direction between the first connecting end portion and the second connecting end portion, and

wherein the one of the first connection end portion and the second connection end portion has a base defining the reception groove and an extension extending axially from the base;

wherein the reception groove includes a first wall and a second wall opposing to each other in the radial direction;

wherein the second wall is positioned radially outward of the first wall;

wherein the extension has a radially inner surface formed in series with the second wall of the reception groove via a stepped portion, so that the radially inner surface of the extension is positioned radially outward of the second wall of the reception groove; and

wherein the seal member is positioned between the radially inner surface of the extension and .a part of the other of the first connection end portion and the second connection end portion opposing to the radially inner surface of the extension.

40. (New) The intake device as in claim 36, further comprising a seal member effecting sealing in the radial direction between the first connecting end portion and the second connecting end portion, and

wherein the one of the first connection end portion and the second connection end portion has a base defining the reception groove and an extension extending axially from the base;

wherein the extension has a radial thickness gradually decreasing in the axial direction away from the base.